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SHIFTS FROM  
CHINA TO COREACurtain Rings Up In a New  
Theatre of War.POSITION OF THE  
MERE GUESS WORKGroping About, Not Knowing Which  
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Russian Possession of Port Ar-  
thur—Japan May Form an Al-  
liance With China—Germany An-  
xious For British Co-operation.

London, Jan. 1.—(Copyrighted, 1898, by  
the Associated Press.)—The ingenuity  
displayed in manufacturing news from  
the far east is remarkable. Five-sixths  
of the statements can be safely in-  
ferred from the British and Rus-  
sian foreign offices are as dumb as  
oysters and the German stream of  
conflicting communications in the semi-  
official press shows they do not know  
which foot they are standing on.  
France is apparently in the dark, while  
the mikado has dissolved the Japanese  
diet in order that opinions should not  
be expressed. Under the circumstances  
it is not strange that accurate infor-  
mation is difficult to secure.

The known facts wholly corroborate  
the statements culled by the Associated  
Press on Saturday last that Great  
Britain is carefully watching the situ-  
ation, biding her time, and will cer-  
tainly not fail to act promptly and  
vigorously at the proper moment.

## PREMATURE SCARE.

It was pointed out in that dispatch  
that with regard to Korea the scare  
in the newspapers in regard to the east  
was at least premature, and that the  
members of the government were evi-  
dently sincere in disclaiming the least  
alarm. This view of the case was  
practically reiterated by the Daily  
Graphic on Friday, which asserted that  
there was every reason to believe the  
Russians would adhere to their pledge  
to evacuate Port Arthur at the end of  
the winter, and that therefore there  
was no grounds for complaint on the  
part of Great Britain. The Daily  
Graphic further stated that the  
British government did not regard the  
occupation of Kia-Chau as an action, be-  
cause the Germans are calling for bay-  
onets, and the British government  
both the foreign office and the admi-  
nistrative department, according to the  
Daily Graphic, were agreed on this point.

## COREAN QUESTION.

Evidently, apart from the question of  
the Chinese loan, the Korean question  
is more interesting for Great Britain at  
the present moment than the questions  
of Port Arthur and Kia-Chau, prin-  
cipally because the latter are of a  
passing nature, and the former is of a  
permanent nature. The British superin-  
tendent of Korean customs, a more serious  
scheme to overturn Sir Robert  
Hart, the British minister in Seoul, and  
the British government, which is appar-  
ently nipped in the bud.  
The cabinet's existence would be short  
if it permitted Russia to secure the  
Franco-Chinese (Chinese foreign office)  
into dismembering the British head of the  
Chinese customs.

It is not known yet whether the British  
government will approve of the ar-  
rangements made by Sir Robert Hart,  
which would give him a considerable  
discharge from Peking, by which  
Mr. MacLeay Brown and Mr. Brown  
will remain there for the present.

## RUSSIAN OFFER OF LOAN.

At present there is keen interest in  
commercial circles over the outcome of  
the efforts of Russia to secure a  
Chinese loan on the onerous terms at-  
tempted by the Peking correspondent of  
the Times, who has been refused by the  
government to place the loan. (Internal  
revenues) under foreign control as  
security for the loan proposed by the  
Hong Kong and Shanghai bank, and  
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## BRITISH PREVENTION.

A diplomat, talking over the alleged  
desire of Russia to arrive at an un-  
derstanding with Great Britain on the  
far eastern question, explains that the  
change might be due to Germany's dis-  
satisfaction with her allies. Her faith  
in the British army has been shaken  
by the defeat in Egypt, and the col-  
lapse of the constitutional govern-  
ment of Austria has made the effec-  
tiveness of that empire in case of war  
doubtful. "In the spring, when the  
winter continues," Russia and France  
are allied, and Emperor William is  
anxious to secure new friends. There-  
fore, foreseeing the probability of an  
understanding between Great Britain  
and Japan, Emperor William is deter-  
mined to array himself on their side.  
Hence his seizure of a port already  
hypothecated to Russia, thereby pro-  
voking rivalry with Russia and  
friendship with Great Britain.

"It is by no means clear that British  
interests are seriously threatened at the  
present moment, and she can probably  
well afford to wait, spring, when, un-  
less the normal conditions are resumed,  
Great Britain will undoubtedly take the  
steps necessary to protect her interests  
and re-establish the balance of power."

## JAPAN'S POLICY.

The Spectator publishes an interest-  
ing article on Japan's policy, in which  
the writer states that Japan's policy  
is to return to power, and Japan's offer  
to assist the officers at Peking in drilling  
the Chinese army, and her proposal to

consent to a postponement of the pay-  
ment of the war indemnity, as possibly  
foreshadowing a China-Japan alliance.  
The financial barometer does not  
show any trepidation. Consols are im-  
proving. There is not the slightest sign  
of the selling which always marks real  
improvement in the political horizon,  
and there are signs of reaction in the  
long-continued depression in land.  
The improvement is attributed partly  
to the rise in the price of wheat, and  
partly to the cheapness of money. Cap-  
italists are glad even of the bearish  
interest yielded by land investments.

## NO REASON FOR A CUT-DOWN

ARGUMENT MADE BY NEW BED-  
FORD SPINNERS.This Textile Town May Be Made the  
Battle Ground For an Extensive  
Strike—Labor News.

New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 1.—Secre-  
tary Rose has called a meeting of the  
executive committee of the Spinners'  
union for tonight, at which arrange-  
ments of a general meeting will be  
held, at which the question of striking  
will be acted upon. The local unions  
propose to make New Bedford the bat-  
tle ground for all New England, in case  
of a strike. They claim that no textile  
town in the north has so little reason  
for a cut-down as New Bedford. The  
mills have been crowded with profitable  
orders, and cannot afford to shut down.

## LABOR AGAINST CAPITAL.

Per Capita Tax Levy to Be Made On  
British Workmen.

London, Jan. 1.—Delegates represent-  
ing 1,250,000 trades unionists held a  
convention here today and passed resolu-  
tions congratulating the engineers upon  
their splendid stand in defense  
of the coal strike, and asking all  
trades unionists, of whom there are  
2,000,000 in Great Britain, to make a  
weekly levy of a minimum of 6 cents  
to support the engineers, whose fight,  
it was said, is the fight of labor  
against capital all the world over.

A resolution was also adopted, thank-  
ing the American and other subscrib-  
ers for their contributions to the fund  
for the support of the strikers.

## No Talk of Strike.

Suncoke, N. H., Jan. 1.—In accord-  
ance with notices which were posted  
in the mills of the China, Webster and  
Pembroke Cotton Manufacturing com-  
panies two weeks ago, the reduction of  
30 per cent in the wages of the em-  
ployees will take effect today. This  
cut affects all employees the same as  
in Fall River.  
The mills manufacture about 1,300,000  
yards of plain print cloth per week,  
employing about 1,400 hands. The  
monthly pay rolls amount to about  
\$27,000. This is the only industry in  
the village. There is no organization  
among the operatives, and no talk of a  
strike.

## Into Effect Tomorrow.

Manchester, N. H., Jan. 1.—The  
Amoskeag, Stark and Armory cotton  
manufacturing corporations will put  
the notices of a 10 per cent cut, which  
were posted about two weeks ago, into  
effect on Monday. The 12,000 operatives  
employed by the three corporations  
have decided to accept the reduction  
and there will be no strike in this city.

## Eleven Per Cent Cut.

Taunton, Mass., Jan. 1.—Notices have  
been posted in the cotton mills in this  
city that on and after Jan. 1 a reduc-  
tion of about 11 per cent will be made  
in the wage scale. The mills employ  
about 1,000 hands, and it is thought, will  
accept the reduction.

## This Cut Small.

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 1.—A special  
to the Union from Boston says: Treas-  
urer Parsons of the Lyman mills of  
Holyoke said today that the wages in  
that mill will be cut to conform to  
the wages paid in New Bedford. As  
the wages were cut 7 per cent about  
a year ago, the cut now will be small.

## Increase In Wages.

New Britain, Conn., Jan. 1.—The 200  
employees of the cutlery manufactur-  
ing firm of Mason & Beckley have been  
notified of a 5 per cent increase in their  
wages.

## SINGULAR MINE ACCIDENT.

Flooded By an Underground River—  
Thirty-Five Lost.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—A special to the  
Times-Herald from San Antonio, Tex.,  
says:  
A dispatch from Guadalupe, Mex-  
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## PRIZEFIGHTER'S LUCK.

Slavin Handy With the Pan As Well  
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known horseman, arrived in New York  
last night with "Swiftwater Bill"  
Gates, fresh from the Klondike. They  
are stopping at the Grand hotel. They  
have with them a canvas bag full of  
nuggets, said to be worth several thou-  
sand dollars. They left behind them  
in good hands a claim which they value  
at \$200,000, and which they will return  
to in the spring.

Boyce took out with him to the Klondike  
Freddy Slavin, the man who fought  
Sullivan, and Hapgood, another fighter.  
He says that both men are doing well,  
and have been successful in several  
fistic encounters, and that Slavin has  
not a bad chance of winning the cham-  
pionship. He says that Slavin was sepa-  
rated from his party and lost was an  
error.

## Idaho's Mineral Production.

Boise, Jan. 1.—The estimates of the  
mineral production of Idaho made by  
the United States assay office gives  
the following figures: Gold, \$2,000,000;  
silver, \$7,110,000; lead, \$3,500,000; total,  
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old city of New York that is passing  
away—will contribute three billions of  
dollars to the world's commerce in the  
city of which you will be mayor. \$250,-  
000,000 of banking stock, and \$1,000,000,  
000 of deposits. And you will take  
charge of this little borough along with  
the world of property of the city. I  
know that it is the brightest little jewel  
in the cluster of five. You have been  
chosen the chief executive of one of  
the largest cities in the world. I con-  
gratulate you, and welcome you as  
mayor of Greater New York."

## VAN WYCK'S REPLY.

Mayor Van Wyck, in reply, said:  
"The people have chosen me to be  
mayor. I received the office from them  
and to them I will answer."  
After a great shaking of hands, the  
ceremony was completed, and the ad-  
ministration of Mayor Strong was a  
thing of the past.

A good contingent of Brooklynites ac-  
companied Mayor Strong when he took  
charge of the city hall. The mayor  
announced several minor appoint-  
ments and got through the ceremony  
of induction with little ado.

## REFUSE TO YIELD.

Coroner Hoebner and Tullish hold that  
their term of office has expired, and  
refused to give possession to  
Messrs. Fitzpatrick and Hart, elected  
coroners under the new charter. The  
new officials, however, obtained en-  
trée into the office and assumed the  
functions of the places. Messrs. Hoebner  
and Tullish say they will appeal to the  
courts.

## OVER CHILKOOT PASS.

Electric Road Will Be Running In  
Three Months.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—W. A. Burk-  
holder of this city has gone to Alaska  
to erect an electric transmission plant  
to operate an electric road over the  
Chilkoot pass. Electricity will be gen-  
erated at Dyea and transmitted 20  
miles to the point where it is to be  
used. At the pass the telegrapher sys-  
tem will be used. In addition to the  
cables from which the poles will support  
the cables from which heavy cars will be  
suspended. The motors will be prop-  
elled up the inclines by cables on a drum.  
The machinery has already been  
shipped, and the plant is expected to  
be in working order in about three  
months, when it is supposed that Chil-  
koot pass will lose all of its terrors.

## THREE TIMES AND OUT.

Demented Woman's Attempts at Sui-  
cide Finally Successful.

New York, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Julia Lewis,  
aged 32, committed suicide at her home  
in Green Point, L. I. today. First, she  
stabbed herself in the breast with a  
pen knife, then cut her throat with a  
razor, and ended by jumping from a  
third story window. She had been  
mentally unbalanced for some time.  
Dr. E. J. Sherrin committed suicide at  
his home in this city, taking an  
overdose of opium. It was said he had  
been addicted to the excessive use of  
that drug. He was 28 years old.  
Two other suicides were also reported  
in this city.

TIGER'S BED OF ROSES  
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In Greater New York.

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